

A photograph of a C-130 Hercules aircraft at night. The aircraft is illuminated by its own lights, and its cargo door is open. The words "U.S. AIR FORCE" are visible on the side of the fuselage. The background is dark, suggesting a night operation.

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Retreat from both sides of the street

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One cold and rainy day I stood in the parking lot across the street from the wing headquarters building with two of my troops to participate in retreat.

While we stood firmly at parade rest, waiting for the flag to lower in honor of our great nation and in memory of the courageous men and women who served before us, we observed the group of NCOs preparing for the detail. Three of the NCOs stood at the pole and appeared to be greatly enjoying a conversation.

Even though they had taken the halcyons into their hands they continued to talk and laugh. Nine other NCOs lined up shoulder to shoulder just off the curb in front of the steps to the wing headquarters building. Some of them stood at parade rest, some at attention and others hung out casually, hands in pockets, all of them still talking.

What could be more important to 12 NCOs than the privilege of lowering our nation's flag in honor of those that have given their all?

At the Airman Leadership School we perform reveille and retreat with our students several times during the course.

I will be the first to admit that our performance at the flag pole is not always flawless. Sometimes students find it impossible

to remain steady at parade rest and they shift to wipe the sweat from their brow or they get distracted by traffic passing by.

Students have chuckled and shaken their heads at countless incidents happening across the street.

Pedestrians, both uniformed and in civilian attire, stroll by without even pausing to acknowledge the music on the loud speaker system. These are motorists and pedestrians passing by without a care in the world that the flag, which represents sacrifice, bloodshed and freedom is calling the end to yet another day.

For many years I found it very difficult to understand how people could show such little regard, or lose their military bearing during such an important and meaningful ceremony.

We are out of practice.

We are out of practice of performing such a detail; out of practice in giving time to observe such a detail; out of practice in teaching our troops, family and guests what reveille and retreat are all about.

This week, take a few minutes and talk with your troops, your family and your guests about a truly meaningful way to celebrate the accomplishments of our military members — past and present. Tell them how our brothers and sisters fighting

the war today are doing so for a noble reason.

Talk to your troops about how it should be a privilege to stand tall and proudly salute our nation's flag.

Explain to them that when in uniform and the first note of reveille or retreat sounds, they should be at parade rest.

And when "To the Colors" or the "National Anthem" plays, come to attention and salute smartly. For those in civilian attire, it is as simple as stopping and standing still during reveille or retreat and placing their hand over their heart for the playing of "To the Colors" or the "National Anthem."

Better yet, take your troops and family to the parade grounds or wherever the retreat ceremony is held at your base and watch a squadron perform the detail. Think about what it means to be an American fighting in forces which guard our country and our way of life.

You have pledged your life in the defense of this great nation. Take responsibility for your actions, be proud and teach others the importance of demonstrating the pride and professionalism that make us, not only the world's supreme air power, but the greatest nation on earth.

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Program offers subsidized child care to Guard, Reserve

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Department of Defense officials have joined forces with national agencies to help Guard and Reserve families in finding and affording child care while a parent is deployed supporting the war on terrorism.

"Child care, as you know, is one of the top (concerns) voiced by families as well as by commands on what's needed," said Jan Witte, director of the Pentagon's office of children and youth. Her staff monitors the new program, dubbed Operation Military Child Care.

DoD officials, who are working with the National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies, designed this initiative to benefit those who don't live near military installations, Ms. Witte said.

"We have a contract with (the association) to assist us in finding spaces outside the military community for those Guard and Reserve (servicemembers) who are deployed and active-duty (people) who are not near a military installation," she said. "We also hope to assist in reducing the out-of-pocket expense to the servicemember."

When a parent is deployed, she said, the remaining parent may discover that child care is something the couple had not had to think of before. And need is not the only consideration. The extra expense can be shocking.

While Ms. Witte's office does not fully subsidize child care, it does work to reduce the financial burden, she said. The fees are based on a sliding scale that takes into consideration total family income and the care provider's actual cost, among other things.

To take part in the program, a family member can apply through the association on the operation's Web site

www.naccrra.net or by calling toll-free at (800) 424-2246. The child-care provider also must apply — an important step because of how the subsidy is paid out, Ms. Witte said.

"The subsidy goes to the program, not to the individual," she said.

The program officially kicked off March 3, but has been operational as a pilot program since November, Ms. Witte said. About 40 families have completed the application process.

"We feel like this is one area to provide assistance for the total force," she said. "We had not been doing much prior to this time for the Guard and Reserve as far as child care and school-age programs have gone."

She said the new program could get about 5,000 Guard and Reserve servicemembers' children into child care.

But that number could fluctuate if there is a change in the funding, she said, which comes in the form of supplemental funding through Congress. Congress has funded the program for \$7 million, Ms. Witte said, though officials hope to expand the program in the future to try and accommodate some of the 38,000 children of active-duty servicemembers in need of child care.

The association also supports Guard and Reserve servicemembers through a program called Operation Child Care. It is a voluntary program that provides up to six hours of free child care to Guard and Reserve families whose deployed servicemember is returning home for rest and recuperation.

"(The association) felt it was service back to the nation to thank the servicemembers for their sacrifices," Ms. Witte said.

BRIEFLY

Prayer Breakfast

The International Prayer Breakfast is scheduled for March 23 at 7 a.m., at the Independence Dining Facility. Lt. Gen. Walter Buchanan, U.S. Central Air Forces commander, will be the guest speaker. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Running track

The running track has been shortened to a quarter mile to make room for softball and soccer fields.

Comedy show

The Hack 'N Slash Comedy show is scheduled for Wednesday at 8 p.m., in Memorial Plaza.

St. Patrick's Day events

In celebration of St. Patrick's Day Thursday, the following events are scheduled:

8 a.m. and 3 p.m. — Shamrock 5K Fun Run

5 p.m. — Green beer and Guinness will be served on tap at the Memorial Plaza bar.

7 p.m. — A Clovers and Coins tournament will be held in Memorial Plaza. All participants will get a St. Patrick's Day T-shirt. The winner will receive a "pot o' gold."

Irish music will be played and St. Patrick's Day buttons and T-shirts will be given away throughout the day.

Talent show

Network 15 will sponsor a talent show Saturday at 7 p.m., at the base theater.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Alicia Temple or Senior Airman RaShone Morse at 437-2669

Mardi Gras events

In a belated Mardi Gras celebration, the following events are scheduled for March 20 at Memorial Plaza:

11 a.m. to 5 p.m. — Barbecue with all the fixings. During this time, the Independence Dining Facility will be closed.

12 p.m. to 3 p.m. — Bingo with a chance to win twice the normal amount of prizes.

3 p.m. to 5 p.m. — A Mardi Gras costume parade on foot. The audience will pick the best costume. Normal dress and appearance standards apply. A king, queen, prince and princess will be selected. Parade participants will get a T-shirt.

Cajun music will be played in Memorial Plaza throughout the day.

Commander's Action Line

The Action Line is a direct link to the commander for complaints, suggestions or comments. When normal chain of command channels haven't been able to resolve the concern, call 437-2702 or e-mail action.line@auab.centaf.af.mil.



First AOR recycling program begins

By **TECH. SGT. MICHAEL DORSEY**
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The first wing-wide Air Force recycling program in the AOR begins here Monday in an effort to fall in line with environmental policies within the service.

"When you look at all the things we use, and see what is in the dumpsters here, there is a market for it," said Greg Mason, environmental manager with the 379th Expeditionary Civil Engineering Squadron. "About 50 to 60 percent — and that is a low estimate — of what we waste is recyclable."

Wood, cardboard, plastic, steel and aluminum are all recyclable items. According to Mr. Mason, the recycling bins will be placed in Memorial Plaza, the dining facilities and next to dumpsters.

Solid waste reduction of these items saves

space and money. For instance, wood pallets placed in dumpsters after they were used to carry shipments of materials take up room that could be used for placing other solid waste.

"We no longer want to see wooden pallets in dumpsters," he said.

If the pallets are shredded, it would reduce 80 percent of the original volume, he added.

Financially the program is expected to save \$200,000 from the current \$1 million refuse contract. The added revenue from the recyclables will be used to lower the contract, support morale, welfare and recreation programs and result in less trash.

The recycling program mirrors the environmental responsibility the Air Force practices at home and gives the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing the opportunity to clean up waste associated with operating the largest Air Force mission in the AOR, Mr. Mason explained.

"We are starting the same program that's in place just as we do at bases in Europe and Asia," he said. "Right now we're putting huge amounts of solid waste in landfills in the community here. This program will enable us to practice good stewardship to the community."

Besides the economic and environmental benefits, the 379 ECES commander, Lt. Col. Mark Ruse, said "recycling is the right thing to do — period!"

"Along with saving funds to be used for other mission requirements, we're taking care of our resources and environment so future generations can enjoy an equal or higher quality of life," he said. "It takes so little effort on everyone's part to produce such a large and significant impact. We need everyone to fully support this new program and make a long-term impact for this base and nation."

Senior master sergeant selections announced

The Air Force has selected 1,535 master sergeants for promotion to senior master sergeant.

The promotion list was publicly released March 9, and the complete list is available on the Air Force Personnel Center Web site at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/eprom>.

The board, which convened Jan. 31 to Feb. 18 at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, considered 16,708 master sergeants for a 9.19 percent select rate.

"Since public law limits the number of personnel who may serve on active duty in the top two enlisted grades, promotion to senior master sergeant remains highly competitive," said Chief Master Sgt. Dale Kenney, chief of the enlisted promotion and military testing branch here at AFPC. "The hard work of these 1,535 individuals has set them apart as a select group ready to enter the top three percent of the enlisted force."

The average score for those selected was

663.46 with an average time in grade and time in service of 4.54 and 20.16 years respectively. The average score was based on the following point averages:

- 134.98 for enlisted performance reports;
- 33.48 for time in grade;
- 21.24 for time in service;
- 20.43 for decorations;
- 66.32 for Air Force supervisory examination;
- 387.01 for board score.

Score notices are available on *virtual* MPF.

Those selected will be promoted to E-8 beginning in April.

For more information on the senior master sergeant list, call the Personnel Support for Contingency Operations office at 437-2724.

(Courtesy of Air Force Personnel Center)

Base promotees

Chad Becker

379th Expeditionary Contracting Squadron

David Damits

379th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Marion Driggers

16th Expeditionary Air Command and Control Squadron

Kelly Myers

Combined Air Operations Center

Cecil Nichols

379th Expeditionary Civil Engineering Squadron

Shannon Polit

379th Expeditionary Services Squadron

Yvonne Taylor

CAOC

Robert Wenner

379 ECES

This Week in Air Force History

Tuesday

1916 — The 1st Aero Squadron became the first U.S. aviation unit to engage in field operations when it joined Brig. Gen. John Pershing's expedition against Mexican revolutionary leader Pancho Villa.

1970 — The overseas portion of the worldwide automatic voice network was completed, connecting all U.S. military installations by telephone.

Thursday

1971 — Jane Leslie Holley became the first woman commissioned through the Air Force Reserve Officers' Training Corps program.

1997 — Operation Guardian Retrieval evacuated U.S. citizens and other foreigners from Zaire, Africa, where civil unrest threatened them. By the end of March, the operation had flown 57 missions and had transported 532 passengers.

Friday

1945 — About 1,250 U.S. bombers escorted by 670 fighter aircraft dropped 3,000 tons of bombs on Berlin's transportation and industrial areas. In terms of number of bombers, this daylight attack was the largest of the war.

Saturday

1910 — Orville Wright opened the first Wright Flying School in Montgomery, Ala. The site would later become Maxwell Air Force Base.

Courtesy of www.army.mil



BCD ensures air-ground ops 'on point'

By **MAJ. BERNADETTE DOZIER**
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

They're advocates of airpower, can understand an air tasking order, and speak fluent Air Force lingo using acronyms like JDAM and DIRMFOR, but they're not blue-suiters. Instead, this group of 30 Soldiers are the Army's "eyes and ears," integrated in the Combined Air Operations Center, based in Southwest Asia.

The members of the 19th Battlefield Coordination Detachment serve as the Army's representatives to the Combined Forces Air Component Commander, in essence articulating the land component requirements to the air component.

They represent a wide spectrum of Army branches, including field artillery, aviation, military intelligence, air defense, signal and transportation.

"We work shoulder-to-shoulder with sister services and Coalition partners, playing a vital role in the seamless integration of Coalition airpower, airlift and airspace in the U.S. Central Command AOR, in support of Army operations," according to Col. Jim Waring, 19th BCD commander.

"Our mission is a critical one,"

the commander said. "We're here to support the Soldiers and Marines on the front line. The most important thing we do is to ensure the ground forces' air support requests are serviced every day."

When close air support is delivered to ground forces, it is the BCD that helps coordinate that, he added.

BCD Soldiers are integrated into all areas of the CAOC. "When it comes to airlift flying re-supply or rest and recuperation missions, we are working that too," said Sgt. 1st Class Tim Werstein, BCD airlift NCO in charge.

Aside from air support requests, the BCD monitors current ground operations and the execution of the ATO. They also coordinate for intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance missions and support the time-sensitive targeting effort.

"The BCD ensures that we truly understand what desired effects the ground forces want," said Air Commodore John Quai, the CAOC director. "They can translate the ground commander's requests into 'air' language so we can better support them."

BCD members work closely with the CAOC's strategy, combat plans and information warfare divisions to ensure the joint task

forces get precisely what they want, when they want it.

To be effective at communicating across service lines, every BCD member attends the Joint Air Tasking Order Process Course at Hurlburt Field, Fla. Many of them also attend the Joint Firepower Course at Nellis AFB, Nev., and the Joint Targeting Course at Dam Neck Naval Base, Va.

Successful air-ground operations occur every day. "The recent elections in both Afghanistan and Iraq and the secure environment in which they were conducted are great examples of effective air-ground cooperation," said Lt. Col. Carl Giles, BCD plans chief.

"We consider the Air Force's successes our successes, too," he said. "The effective uses of airpower in the recent elections in both theaters are bellwethers of the kinds of nontraditional airpower support we can coordinate as a team. As a result, we believe this enabled the civilians to feel confident in their security, while dissuading wrongdoers from adversely affecting the democratic processes."

Another success story was the liberation of Fallujah. "This was an excellent example of the joint targeting process coming together across service lines to

rapidly secure a difficult objective with minimal loss of friendly forces," said Chief Warrant Officer John Robinson, BCD targeting officer.

"Later this year, there will be National Assembly elections in Afghanistan and hopefully a second general election in Iraq," added Lt. Col. Greg Baker, BCD operations chief. "Both of these important events must be secure and we are intent on integrating airpower to help our ground forces achieve the successes that mirror recent ones."

The 19th BCD members are normally stationed at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, and serve as the Army's liaison to U.S. Air Forces Europe. Here on one-year tours, they are now performing their wartime mission in support of the Global War on Terror.

"Our motto in the 19th is 'On Point' and it's something we take very seriously ... especially because how well we accomplish our mission can mean the difference between life and death for ground forces on the pointed end of the spear. We are committed to providing support to forward-deployed ground forces as long as they are here," Colonel Waring said. "That support hinges on a strong air-ground alliance."

TCN escorts:

By MAJ. BERNADETTE DOZIER
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

They come from 53 different career fields, but while deployed here, they come together to serve as a critical line of defense for the base.

About 140 Airmen, including civil engineers, loadmasters, maintainers, medical technicians, communications specialists and graphics experts, serve as escorts to about 700 third-country nationals daily. The program falls under the 379th Expeditionary Civil Engineering Squadron — the largest ECES in the AOR.

The 379th Expeditionary Services Squadron and Dynacorp have their own escorts and TCNs.

The escort program is an essential part of the overall force protection effort at this installation, according to Maj. James Record, 379th Air Expeditionary Wing chief of force protection.

"If security forces are the first line of defense then the escorts are the second line of defense," he said. "They are the eyes-on-target, ensuring the local work force is doing what they are hired to do. While most of the workers are good hardworking people, some are easily used by our enemies for information gathering."

In the past, force protection officials have received reports of TCNs walking off distances between buildings, drawing maps, or even stealing, Major Record said. "The escorts help to ensure none of these activities happen under their watch."

Early each morning a three-person crew in-processes the TCNs at the main gate, then various escort teams meet the workers and take them through the search pits and

Photos by Staff Sgt. Colette Bennett



TCN escorts assigned to the 379th Civil Engineering Squadron, observe workers at a base construction site Wednesday.

their job sites, according to Senior Master Sgt. Richard Safonovs, 379 ECES escort flight chief, deployed here from Buckley Air Force Base, Colo.

The escorts do a variety of duties — most of which are performed outdoors — from overseeing construction sites for 20 base projects, supervising latrine cleanings or following sewer or trash vehicles. Flight members also man the escort control center around the clock, where they're responsible for tracking the movement of all escorts and their workers.

"I have individuals who are happy to be here because for once they're not being shot at or having to put people in body bags," Sergeant Safonovs said.

Airman 1st Class Christian Honda, deployed here from the 75th Communications Squadron at Hill Air Force Base, Utah, said the job can be demanding sometimes, but he feels like he's contributing to the mission.

"It's important to stay focused and alert at all times. As escorts you help provide security and safety for everyone at the work site," said Airman Honda, a telephone maintainer back at Hill AFB. "It's been a pleasurable experience. I've had a chance to meet a lot of nice people in my flight and I've met some nice TCNs."

Sergeant Safonovs said there's an ad-

vantage to having TCNs working on base.

"If we did not have TCNs working for the Air Force, squadrons would have to set up details to clean the latrines and perform base-wide trash patrols. CE, along with Services, would have to triple in size in order to provide the manpower to pick up trash and clean out and haul away sewage," he added. "By having the TCNs work for us they allow more manpower to focus on war fighting."

While the work may seem tedious at times, the escorts help ensure TCNs are doing the work and not gathering intelligence, according to the flight chief.

"The most important part of our job is to monitor action and maintain positive control over local nationals and third country nationals," Sergeant Safonovs said. "In particular, areas containing critical personnel, equipment, or information must be protected from sabotage or disclosure to enemy intelligence. These escorts provide the last security buffer between contracted personnel and the base population."

For Sergeant Safonovs, the most interesting part of this job is learning about the TCNs: their lifestyles, culture and religious behavior. He said this helps young Airmen who have never been away from the United States appreciate what they have.



TCN workers load a bus Wednesday.

serving as the base's second line of defense



Airman 1st Class Matthew Thurman, 379 ECES TCN escort, completes paperwork Wednesday that will give the TCNs restricted access to the base.

They also get to witness the day-to-day progress on the construction sites. "We have the privilege to witness the growth and improvement of (this base) first hand," he added.

Probably the most difficult part of this job is dealing with rude people when the latrines are closed, Sergeant Safonovs said. While there's no opportune time to close down the latrines, they must be cleaned per the contract.

"(People) curse out the workers or my escorts almost daily. The escorts need to maintain their professionalism which I am very proud they've done."

In addition, the escorts must deal with the summer heat, yet remain alert and present a professional image at all times. "The image we present about how we Americans behave and act, the TCNs will carry to the outside world," Sergeant Safonovs said.

"The escorts' backgrounds vary. It's a challenge to mold this variety of individuals into a team, but these folks have come together quickly and are doing an outstanding job for the wing. I'm very proud of this team."

Two escorts win MAJCOM-level awards

Two base members have a lot in common: they're both part of the escort flight; they're from the same squadron at Hill Air Force Base, Utah; this is their first deployment; their fathers served in the military; and recently they earned Air Force Materiel Command-level honors.

Senior Airman Erin Scannell was part of the Medical Lab of the Year and Senior Airman Aaron Valentz was the Biomedical Equipment Repair Technician of the Year in the Airman category. They both serve as third-country national escorts with the 379th Expeditionary Civil Engineering Squadron.

Their commander at Hill said they're very deserving of this recognition.

"They are both solid teammates who go above and beyond to accomplish their missions ... here at Hill, and I'm certain, there in Southwest Asia," said Lt. Col. Robert Rocco, 75th Medical Support Squadron commander. "I also believe they're deserving because they have superstar flight leadership who take the time to train, mentor, assist and motivate them to achieve their fullest potential."

Airman Valentz, a biomedical equipment maintainer, agreed that leadership played a key role in the award.

"I owe a lot of credit to the supervisors and mentors I've had," he said.

Last year was a big year for him. Besides filling a technical sergeant's position for most of 2004, he was promoted below the zone, and then made staff sergeant the first time he tested. He and his wife also found out they were having a baby.

"Senior Airman Valentz has a highly specialized, technically demanding position and has excelled from the day he arrived," said his flight commander Capt. Arlene Adams.

Airman Valentz' job at home entails installing, maintaining and repairing medical equipment as well as supporting medical equipment that belongs to tenant units there.

"We keep the equipment ready to support



the Medical Group mission of providing healthcare to the war fighter and his or her family ... we ensure they are ready to deploy," said the Warren, Ohio, native.

Medical laboratory technician Airman Scannell is very proud of her team. "I have been there for two years and each year we've won an award," said the Oxford, Mass., native, who is in charge of shipping at Hill.

Airman Scannell and her fellow lab members had a banner year.

"The College of American Pathologists conducts an inspection of all medical laboratories each year. In 2004, our medical lab completed the CAP inspection earning a perfect score and '#1 of 118 labs inspected,'" said Colonel Rocco. "Airman Scannell was a significant part of that team that worked nearly seven days a week for about six months to ensure we were not only ready, but that we were 100 percent prepared to smoke them!"

While these two Airmen are pleased with their accomplishments, they are focused on the mission they have here.

"We watch the TCNs to ensure they are here to do what they're paid to do ... not here to gather intelligence on the forces at this base," Airman Valentz said.

For three-year Air Force veteran Airman Scannell, this deployment is the coolest thing she's done since she joined the military. "I have been able to meet so many interesting people and learn about different cultures," she said.

Both Airmen agree their escort flight is a close-knit group.

"The camaraderie is what I enjoy; there are a lot of super troops in the escort flight. I am proud to be a part of them. We have some excellent leadership in our flight as well."

Senior Master Sgt. Richard Safonovs, 379 ECES escort flight chief, from Buckley Air Force Base, Colo., has had a chance to observe these two in action. "Both of these Airmen have come across some stressful situations and maintained their composure. They are very professional."



C-130 crew delivers cargo, morale to remote locations

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Members of the C-130 crew, currently assigned to the 746th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron here, unload a cargo pallet March 5 in the Seychelles Islands.



by and photos by SENIOR AIRMAN KARAH MANNING
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When the Army, Navy or Marines need something
red, C-130 crews here answer the call ... and this time, that
est took one 746th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron crew
frica and beyond.

From March 4 to 6, their cargo ranged from helicopter
rs to medical supplies to personal mail. Their mission: to
deliver this cargo to Airmen and
other servicemembers stationed in
Djibouti and Seychelles, a string of
islands in the Indian Ocean.

"A C-130 can deliver 60 armed
troops to the battlefield and then
keep them supplied over and over
again," said Lt. Col. Bryan Branby,
746 EASC-130 navigator. "It's a
diverse mission and it takes us
around the globe to fill a variety of
needs that are always different and
changing."

The C-130's diversity and reliance
was critical in making this Horn of
Africa mission successful.

The remoteness of the locations means this airlift is
tically the only way these outposts are being supplied,"
Chief Master Sgt. Christopher Albrecht, the crew's
30 flight engineer. "The mail, coupled with the other
plies we carry, keeps up morale — that in turn helps
e on the front lines of the war on terror do their jobs
er."

Although this crew has already completed two previous
oyments together, this mission was unique.

"The Horn of Africa missions are just as important
ny other theater we supply airlift to," said Maj. Thomas
zard, the mission commander and pilot. "But most of the
A locations are very remote, so that makes every airlift
sion there important."

The crew consisted of Major Huzzard, pilot; 1st Lt.
dley Ayer, co-pilot; Colonel Branby, navigator; Chief
recht, flight engineer; Chief Master Sgt. David McNees,
master; and Master Sgt. Thomas Marhulik, loadmaster.
These 911th Airlift Wing Reserve crewmembers from
burgh have a combined flying time of more than 15,000
rs in the air, which isn't easy to do when you have
her full-time job at home.

Major Huzzard is a commercial airline pilot; Colonel
Branby is a flight crew training instructor for a
commercial airline; Chief Albrecht is a Federal
Aviation Administration aviation safety
inspector; Chief McNees and Sergeant Marhulik
are Air Reserve Technicians. Lieutenant Ayer is a
recent training graduate and the newest member
of this crew.

But the experiences they gain during the work

← **Master Sgt. Thomas Marhulik, 746th
Expeditionary Airlift Squadron load-
master, helps position a pallet of cargo
on the C-130 March 5 in Djibouti, Africa.**

week makes them comfortable in their
Reserve jobs and gives them an added
advantage over their active-duty
counterparts.

"(The 911 AW) is a small unit with very
little turnover. There are no permanent-
change-of-station moves every three years,"
Major Huzzard said. "So in that sense,
there's an advantage (to being Reservists).
We know each others' habits and tenden-
cies and that can be quite useful for this
type of flying."

And being an experienced crew only
adds to that advantage.

"Many young crews get thrown together
and have an adjustment period where they
develop the synergy that makes an aircrew
into a true team," said Colonel Branby.
"Having all the flying experience and previ-
ous time together allows us to jump right
into the mix and pick up where we left off."

From start to finish, this transcontinental
mission tested the crew's abilities. With
limited communications, flying missions in
the HOA region can be a turbulent experi-
ence. But it wasn't anything the crew
couldn't handle.

"The communication and control of air
traffic in that part of the world is marginal at
best," said Chief Albrecht. "So it was impor-
tant that we all paid attention to the
directions we were given and backed each
other up."

After arriving in Djibouti and offloading
cargo, the crew began preparing for the next
days's mission. At 4 a.m. March 5, everyone
was at the aircraft ready for the over six-hour
flight to the Seychelles Islands, where they
would trade the
wartime living
conditions of
Djibouti for tropical
ones.

"The airlift
mission is full of
such gems — you
never know where
you might end up,
so you have to be
ready for anything.
Sometimes it's an
unexpected
treasure, like our
night in Seychelles.
But sometimes it's
spending the night
in a makeshift
(shelter) in
Uzbekistan — it all
comes with the



↑ **Maj. Thomas Huzzard, mission
commander and pilot, looks out
the window during the flight from
Djibouti to Seychelles March 5.**

mission," said Colonel Branby.

The crew was also able to take satis-
faction in helping their fellow servicemem-
bers March 6. Among their cargo pallets for
the return flight to Djibouti that day, were a
group of Navy members who had been
trying desperately for days to get to Bahrain
for their flight home, said Major Huzzard.

"We understand the importance of the
flight to those men and women serving on
the front lines," he added. "Is it good for
morale for us to be on time? Watch their
faces as they load up for that flight and the
answer is obvious."

After their 16-hour day on the return trip
back here, the crew was satisfied with the
mission and their role in bringing their fight
to the enemy.

"It all goes back to the concept of doing
it as a job or doing it because it's a calling,"
Colonel Branby said. "In the Guard and Re-
serve, just like the active-duty, you do it
because you want to be there, supporting
the country. It's a very rewarding concept."



↑ **Tech. Sgt. Matthew Davis, 379th Expeditionary
Aircraft Maintenance Squadron C-130 crew chief,
washes the pilot-side window in preparation for the over
six-hour flight from Djibouti to the Seychelles Islands.**

Land Mobile Radio unit expands beyond maintaining 'bricks'

By **TECH. SGT. MICHAEL DORSEY**
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

It's a Tuesday and Staff Sgt. Ross Ott knows his day is going to be busy.

Not that he isn't busy regularly, but when nearly a quarter of the base uses land mobile radios that need to be re-keyed, he automatically knows customer traffic picks up.

"Without radio communications the mission would slow down drastically," Sergeant Ott said.

Sergeant Ross is one of six people at the 379th Expeditionary Communications Squadron's LMR section who keep this base running on mission-essential, hand-held communication.

According to Sergeant Ross' boss, re-keying LMRs means keeping lines of communications flowing.

"With the secure key we can transmit information without fear of it 'falling into the wrong hands,'" said Master Sgt. Greg Fournier, 379 ECS ground mobile radio NCO in charge. "The re-key is very taxing on our workcenter as we have to re-key every radio on base without interfering with the multitude of missions going on at one time."

With more than 1,700 LMRs on base, 'bricks' are used many different ways by several different organizations — mostly civil engineers and security forces Airmen. However, commanders, disaster control group members,

aircraft operations and maintainers and third-country national escorts all carry LMRs.

Sergeant Fournier said it takes everyone in his workcenter, plus volunteers, to perform the re-key, while keeping the unit's customer service desk up and running.

Although his office is known mainly for LMRs, those aren't the only pieces of equipment his section repairs. His section also handles pagers, high frequency, very high frequency and ultra high frequency radios, public address set ups and the Giant Voice system.

"Ground radio maintenance is very important because we maintain radio communications between air traffic controller and pilots," said Sergeant Ott, who also administers cell phones. "Cell phones are actually the most widely used communications equipment. Where would the Air Force be without cell phones? They are right up there with e-mail."

Sergeant Ott, deployed here from the 48th Communications Squadron at RAF Lakenheath, England, doesn't mind a lot of work. In fact, what the North, S.C., native likes most about his job is receiv-

Photo by Senior Master Sgt. John Snow



Staff Sgt. Ross Ott, 379th Expeditionary Communications Squadron journeyman deployed from RAF Lakenheath, England, repairs a desktop land mobile radio March 3.

ing failed equipment for repair.

"I like the ability to tackle a problem and exercise my brain to figure out how to fix the problem or make the process as good as it can be," said the six-year Air Force veteran.

Although Sergeant Ott doesn't back down from any challenge on the job, he admits modern technology is not always a wonderful thing.

"Years ago the mission was accomplished with letters, radio communications and

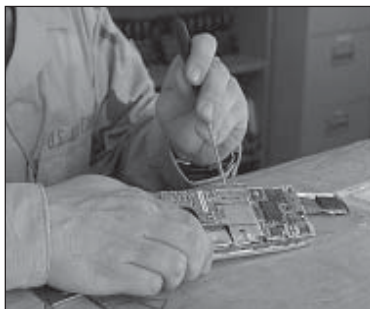
land-line telephones," he said.

"Now everyone seems to need e-mail and cell phones or they 'can't do the mission.' Although I do believe all forms of communication speed up the mission."

Regardless of how much impact modern technology has on how the base operates, one thing is certain about LMR's mission — keep customers happy.

That means keeping communication lines flowing.

"When you hear music at Memorial Plaza or someone using a microphone, see a plane flying high or hear a notification over the Giant Voice, think of your friendly neighborhood LMR shop," Sergeant Fournier said.



Around the AOR



Editor's note: This section of the Desert Eagle is designed to give readers a bigger-picture perspective on overall operations occurring within the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility. It is compiled weekly from wire sources. For more Air Force and DoD information, people may visit www.af.mil or www.defenselink.mil.

1. Challenges Face Afghanistan, U.S. Anti-Drug Cooperation

AFGHANISTAN — Two new reports outline the challenges ahead as the United States supports Afghanistan President Hamid Karzai's crackdown on illegal drug production, which threatens the country's long-term stability.

The State Department's International Narcotics Control Strategy Report, released March 4, notes that opium poppy production in Afghanistan is on the rise, with the devoted acreage soaring almost 240 percent in 2003.

Another report, released March 1 by the International Narcotics Control Board, expresses similar concern, noting that drug production in Afghanistan "has become a severe threat to this new democracy, as well as the stability and economic recovery of the country as a whole."

Mr. Robert Charles, assistant secretary of state for international narcotics and law enforcement affairs, said the development doesn't come as a complete surprise. "The reality is (that) in a post-conflict environment in which you have very fragile institutions of democracy, and you have the third poorest country in the world, it is not unlikely that you would see a growth rate like that."

Drug trafficking can have a severe destabilizing effect on a society, he noted. "It has a direct impact on violence, stability, corruption, terrorist funding — all of the pieces

of what we worry about most."

The Bush administration has a \$780 million fiscal 2005 supplemental appropriations request before Congress to help support counternarcotics operations in Afghanistan, Mr. Charles noted.

The five-point U.S. plan, announced in mid-December, will focus on helping the Afghan government increase public outreach, judicial reform, interdiction, alternative livelihoods and eradication.

Mr. Charles told reporters last week the United States is encouraged that President Karzai has remained "resolute in battling the growth of heroin poppy" and to introducing alternative development in his country.

During Feb. 3 testimony before the Senate Armed Services Committee, Ambassador Maureen Quinn, State Department's coordinator for Afghanistan, said she received reports of voluntary eradication actions that involve plowing over poppy fields.

2. Insurgency weakening; Iraqi Security Forces growing stronger

IRAQ — As the second anniversary of Operation Iraqi Freedom approaches, efforts to help the Iraqi people transition to a constitutionally elected government by the end of 2005 are on track, insurgents are failing in their efforts to break the will of the Iraqi people, and Iraqi security forces "are doing a magnificent job," the U.S. general in charge of coalition forces in Iraq said Tuesday.

"Jan. 30, 2005, was a great day for the Iraqi people, for the coalition, and for Iraqi security forces," said Army Gen. George W. Casey Jr., commander of Multinational Force Iraq, during a Pentagon news conference.

"On that day, more than 8 million people exercised their right to choose their

government, many for the first time in their lives," he said. "Insurgents tried their best to cause them to fail but were unable to crack the indomitable spirit of the Iraqi people or the cordons of the Iraqi security forces."

General Casey said the insurgents are tough and aggressive, but they are not "10 feet tall." They continue to murder, he said, and also continue to offer no positive vision for Iraq, only intimidation and subjugation — a message that is "resonating less and less with the Iraqi people."

As proof, the general noted that insurgents were unable to breach a single polling center on Election Day. "We took away their options and relegated them to drive-by shootings, ineffective indirect fire, and a few suicide attacks," he said.

Of the roughly 300 attacks that took place on election day, "about 70 percent were ineffective," he said. The general added that the level of violence has dropped significantly since then, with last week marking the lowest level of attacks since April 2004.

3. Coalition forces thwart terrorists

IRAQ — Task Force Liberty soldiers killed two terrorists, wounded one and detained five after a terrorist attack near Dujayal in Salah Ad Din province Monday.

The wounded and detained were taken to a coalition forces base.

4. Afghan National Army trainees head to school

KABUL, Afghanistan — Pressed for time, over 430 Afghan basic trainees double-timed from the Kabul Military Training Center to their new home at nearby Pol-e Charkhi Feb. 28.

Led by three members of the Texas Army National Guard — Maj. Eduardo Torres, an Afghanistan National Army mentor; Sgt. 1st Class Erik Husband, the NCO in charge; and Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Frazer, the road march medic — the soldiers made the seven-kilometer road march in one hour.

The move was part of the implementation of a new model for basic training and advanced training for the Afghan soldiers. What was 10 weeks of Afghan basic training at KMTC will now be six weeks of training plus six weeks of advanced individual training at Pol-e Charkhi. AIT will cover specialty training such as transportation, medical and

All the soldiers arrived safely and began their training.

Women in Uniform

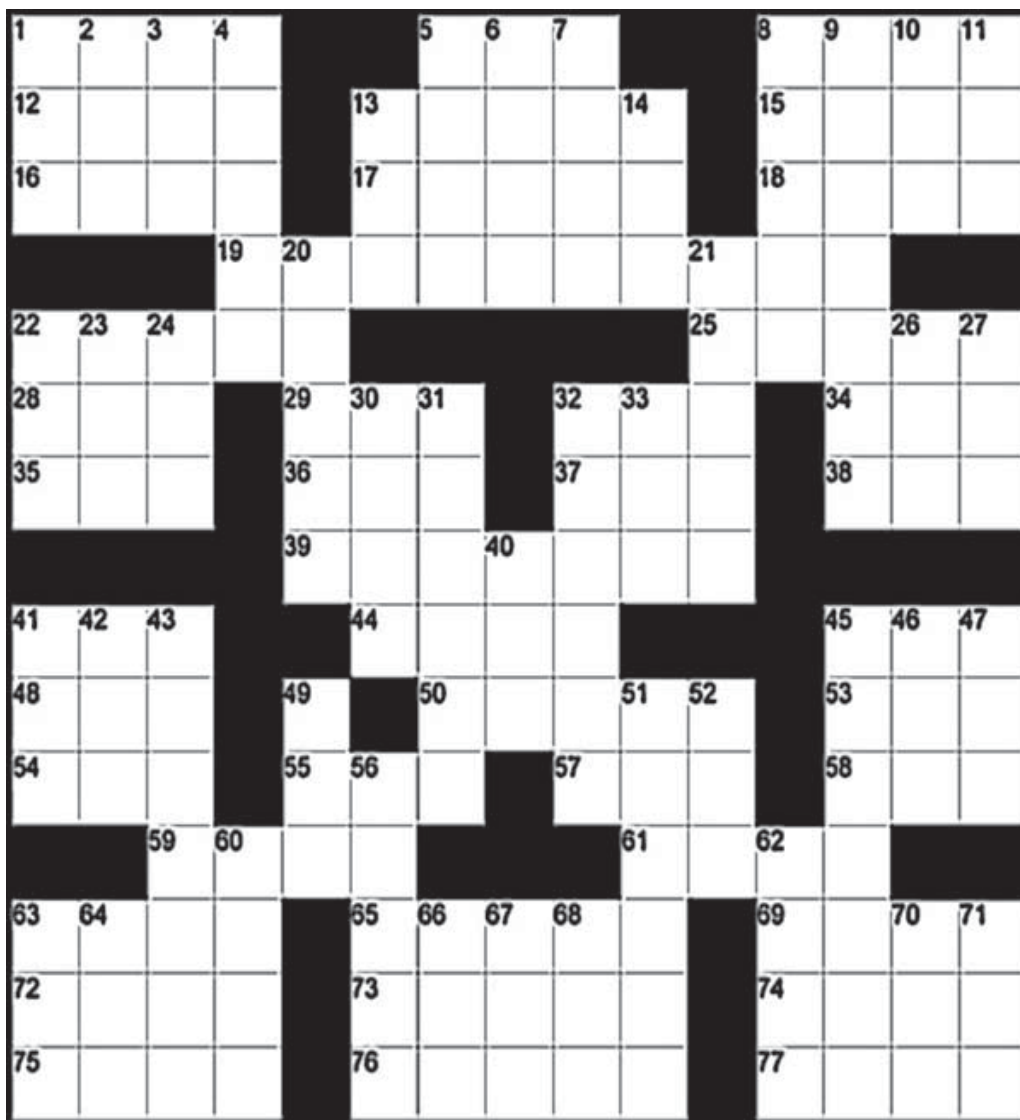
ACROSS

1. Teen hangout
5. Head cover
8. Pass on
12. Thought
13. Rule of law
15. Span
16. First woman to receive Air Medal; Air Evac nurse
17. Mythological Greek monster
18. Wallet stuffers
19. First woman promoted to Brig. Gen.; WAC Director
22. Nap
25. Handy
28. Pod vegetable
29. Airport safety org.
32. Hurt
34. Father
35. Picnic pest
36. Olympic org.
37. Entertainment org. for troops
38. Weeks lead to these
39. First director of WASPs
41. Grazed
44. Finding _____
45. Lout
48. First woman to receive Purple Heart
50. Service trees; rowans
53. Japanese sash
54. Explosive combo
55. USAF base entry needs
57. To be
58. Grant's opposite
59. *Shrek* was one
61. Royalty title
63. Awful
65. Lever
69. Type of stereo equip.
72. First Director of WAF
73. Highest ranking woman in USAF
74. Oklahoma town
75. Stir
76. More hurt
77. Famous canine

DOWN

1. Ending of DoD websites
2. Commotion
3. Allow
4. Wood tool
5. First woman promoted to Brig. Gen.; Chief of Army Nurse Corps
6. The King _ _
7. Ripped
8. Word ending for under and with
9. Highest ranking woman in USA
10. Fury
11. Nights, in brief
13. Greek letter
14. Bother
20. Visual
21. Claw
22. Health resort
23. Actor Cariou
24. Dine
26. Even score
27. NFL scores
30. Before long
31. Allow entry
32. _____ borealis
33. To query; what _ _ rose by any
40. Health org.
41. Back, on a ship
42. 2,000 lbs.
43. Commends
45. First woman STS; Lt Col (USAF) Eileen _____
46. Honest _____
47. Expire
49. Knight title
51. First USMC woman officer promoted to Brig. Gen.
52. Ocean part
56. Student workplaces
60. Jewels
62. Saturn moon
63. Radio frequencies between 30 and 300 MHz
64. Debt letters
66. Business leader, in short
67. Mil. rest
68. Compass point
70. Through
71. Actress Lupino

(Crossword created by 1st Lt. Tony Wickman, Alaskan Command public affairs.)



WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



STAFF SGT. JASON MARLOW
ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS CRAFTSMAN

HOME STATION:

Buckley Air Force Base,
Colo.

CURRENT SQUADRON:

379th Expeditionary Civil
Engineering Squadron

DAYS IN AOR: 67**PERSONAL GOALS FOR THIS DEPLOYMENT:**

I want to finish this deployment with honor.

BEST AIR FORCE

MEMORY: A sewage drain station burned out in a Dutch and Italian camp during Operation Iraqi Freedom. In the middle of the night I gathered spare parts and got it working again in under an hour. One Dutch maintenance worker referred to me as the "God of Electricity."

HOBBIES: Writing, reading and playing chess

Headphone use

For safety reasons, headphones may not be worn when running or walking on or near roads and are not allowed while in high-traffic areas.



1ST SHIRT TIP



This section of the Desert Eagle is designed to help people better understand and appreciate the culture and history of our hosts here.

GREETINGS AND GESTURES

Arab men shake hands very gently and may pull those they greet toward them and kiss them on either cheek. Arabs may also hold hands to walk to other locations. If an Arab doesn't touch someone he greets, he either doesn't like him or is

restraining himself because he perceives that the person is unaccustomed to being touched. After shaking hands, the gesture of placing the right hand to the heart is a greeting of respect or sincerity. To kiss the forehead, nose or right hand of a person denotes extreme respect. Shake hands with the right hand only; the left hand is considered to be unclean. It's considered rude to fail to shake hands when meeting.

Think OPSEC

Always keep work-related conversations to a minimum outside the office. Never talk about mission-related or flight information when third-country nationals are present.

DESERT EAGLE



GYM = Gymnasium
 DEL = Desert Eagle Lounge
 FIT = Fitness Center
 AR = Aerobics Room
 WR = Weight Room
 MP = Memorial Plaza
 CAC = Community Activities Center
 THE = Base Theater
 RHP = Red Horse Pad

TODAY

1300 — **The Alamo** (CAC)
 1330 — Ping Pong (CAC)
 1400 — 8-Ball (DEL)
 1500 — 10K Fun Run (CC gate)
 1600 — **Elektra** (CAC)
 1600 — Pilates (AR)
 1800 — Country Swing (AR)
 1900 — West Coast Swing Class (AR)
 1900 — **The Incredibles** (CAC)
 1915 — Bar Bingo (DEL)
 2000 — Quiet Night in the Plaza (MP)
 2000 — Rummy (CAC)
 2000 — Tang Soo Do (AR)
 2100 — Foosball (CAC)
 2130 — Country Swing (AR)
 2200 — **Ray** (CAC)

MONDAY

0100 — **Alfie** (CAC)
 0100 — Rummy (CAC)
 0400 — **Ladder 49** (CAC)
 0615 — Abs (AR)
 0700 — **Mystic River** (CAC)
 0800 — Circuits (AR)
 0800 — Dominoes (CAC)
 0915 — Bar Bingo (DEL)
 1000 — **Catwoman** (CAC)
 1000 — 8-Ball (DEL)
 1000 — Scrabble (CAC)
 1100 — Step Aerobics (AR)
 1300 — **Alfie** (CAC)
 1330 — Checkers (CAC)
 1400 — 9-Ball (DEL)
 1600 — Water Aerobics (Pool)
 1600 — **Ladder 49** (CAC)
 1730 — Pilates (AR)
 1800 — Intramural Volleyball (GYM)
 1900 — **Mystic River** (CAC)
 1900 — 20/20 (AR)
 1915 — Bar Bingo (DEL)
 2000 — Cardio Kickboxing (AR)
 2000 — Rock Music in the Plaza (MP)
 2100 — Dominoes (CAC)
 2100 — Brazilian Jujitsu (AR)
 2200 — Intramural Volleyball (GYM)
 2200 — **Catwoman** (CAC)

TUESDAY

0100 — Spades (CAC)
 0100 — **Cellular** (CAC)
 0400 — **Without a Paddle** (CAC)
 0700 — **The Terminal** (CAC)
 0800 — Strengthening and Toning (AR)
 0800 — Backgammon (CAC)
 0900 — Co-ed 5-on-5 Basketball (GYM)
 0915 — Bar Bingo (DEL)
 0930 — Fabulous Abs (AR)
 1000 — **Elektra** (CAC)

TUES. cont'd

1000 — Short-rack 8-Ball (DEL)
 1100 — Pilates (AR)
 1300 — **Cellular** (CAC)
 1330 — Concentration (CAC)
 1400 — War Tournery (DEL)
 1600 — **Without a Paddle** (CAC)
 1715 — Bar Bingo (DEL)
 1800 — Intramural Volleyball (AR)
 1830 — Step Aerobics (AR)
 1830 — Combat Aerobics (RHP)
 1900 — **The Terminal** (CAC)
 1930 — Salsa (AR)
 2000 — Reggae Night in the Plaza (MP)
 2030 — Ping Pong (CAC)
 2100 — Aikido/Ninjutsu (AR)
 2200 — Intramural Volleyball (GYM)
 2200 — Kendo (AR)
 2200 — **Elektra** (CAC)

WEDNESDAY

0100 — Poker (CAC)
 0100 — **Lemony Snicket's: A Series of Unfortunate Events** (CAC)
 0400 — **The Incredibles** (CAC)
 0615 — Abs (AR)
 0700 — **Ray** (CAC)
 0800 — Foosball (CAC)
 0800 — Yoga (AR)
 0915 — Bar Bingo (DEL)
 0930 — Fabulous Abs (AR)
 1000 — War Tournery (DEL)
 1000 — Tang Soo Do (AR)
 1000 — **Man on Fire** (CAC)
 1300 — **Lemony Snicket's: A Series of Unfortunate Events** (CAC)
 1330 — Dominoes (CAC)
 1400 — Short-rack 8-Ball (DEL)
 1600 — **The Incredibles** (CAC)
 1600 — Water Aerobics (Pool)
 1800 — Brazilian Jujitsu (AR)
 1800 — Intramural Volleyball (GYM)
 1900 — **Ray** (CAC)
 1900 — Abs (AR)
 1915 — Bar Bingo (DEL)
 1930 — Kickboxing (AR)
 2000 — Hash 'N Slash Comedy Show (MP)
 2030 — Tang Soo Do (AR)
 2030 — 9-Ball (CAC)
 2130 — Country Swing (AR)
 2200 — Intramural Volleyball (AR)
 2200 — **Man on Fire** (CAC)

THURSDAY

0100 — Ping Pong (CAC)
 0100 — **The Incredibles** (CAC)
 0400 — **Ray** (CAC)
 0700 — **Elektra** (CAC)
 0800 — Strengthening and Toning (AR)
 0800 — 9-Ball (CAC)
 0800 — Shamrock 5K Run (CC Gate)
 0915 — Bar Bingo (DEL)
 0930 — Fabulous Abs (AR)
 1000 — 8-Ball (DEL)
 1000 — **Flight of the Phoenix** (CAC)
 1100 — Pilates (AR)
 1300 — **The Incredibles** (CAC)
 1330 — Chess (CAC)
 1400 — 9-Ball (DEL)
 1500 — Shamrock 5K Run (CC Gate)
 1600 — Tae Bo (AR)
 1600 — **Ray** (CAC)
 1715 — Bar Bingo (DEL)
 1800 — Intramural Volleyball (AR)

THURS. cont'd

1830 — Combat Aerobics (RHP)
 1830 — Abs (AR)
 1900 — **Elektra** (CAC)
 1930 — West Coast Swing Class (AR)
 2000 — Karaoke in the Plaza (MP)
 2100 — Aikido/Ninjutsu (AR)
 2200 — **Flight of the Phoenix** (CAC)
 2200 — Intramural Volleyball (GYM)
 2200 — Kendo (AR)

FRIDAY

0100 — Checkers (CAC)
 0100 — **Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow** (CAC)
 0200 — Bingo (CAC)
 0400 — **Collateral** (CAC)
 0615 — Abs (AR)
 0700 — **Alfie** (CAC)
 0800 — Circuits (AR)
 0800 — 8-Ball (CAC)
 0900 — Yoga (AR)
 0915 — Bar Bingo (DEL)
 1000 — 9-Ball (DEL)
 1000 — Tang Soo Do (AR)
 1000 — **Van Helsing** (CAC)
 1100 — Pilates (AR)
 1300 — **Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow** (CAC)
 1330 — Backgammon (CAC)
 1400 — 8-Ball (DEL)
 1500 — Fit Challenge (GYM, WR)
 1600 — Water Aerobics (Pool)
 1600 — **Collateral** (CAC)
 1830 — Step Aerobics (AR)
 1900 — **Alfie** (CAC)
 1915 — Bar Bingo (DEL)
 2000 — Island Music in the Plaza (MP)
 2030 — Brazilian Jujitsu (AR)
 2100 — Spades (CAC)
 2130 — Country Swing Class (AR)
 2200 — **Van Helsing** (CAC)

SATURDAY

0100 — Chess (CAC)
 0100 — **The Grudge** (CAC)
 0400 — **Taking Lives** (CAC)
 0700 — **Ray** (CAC)
 0800 — Foosball (CAC)
 0800 — Strengthening and Toning (AR)
 0915 — Bar Bingo (DEL)
 0930 — Fabulous Abs (AR)
 1000 — **The Incredibles** (CAC)
 1000 — March Madness Day (GYM)
 1000 — Winner's Game Pool Tournery (DEL)
 1030 — 200-meter Race (Pool)
 1100 — Pilates (AR)
 1300 — **The Grudge** (CAC)
 1330 — Rummy (CAC)
 1400 — Winner's Game Pool Tournery (DEL)
 1500 — March Madness Day (GYM)
 1600 — **Taking Lives** (CAC)
 1600 — Tae Bo (AR)
 1830 — Step Aerobics (AR)
 1830 — Combat Aerobics (RHP)
 1900 — **Ray** (CAC)
 1930 — Salsa (AR)
 2000 — R & B Music in the Plaza (MP)
 2030 — Blackjack (CAC)
 2100 — Aikido/Ninjutsu (AR)
 2200 — **The Incredibles** (CAC)
 2200 — Kendo (AR)

at the MOVIES

The following is a schedule of events featured in the base theater located in Coalition Compound.

This list is subject to change. For the latest movie listing, please check the posting outside the theater door or call 437-8340.

Today

1300 — Ray
1530 — The Incredibles
1930 — Coach Carter
2230 — Taxi

Monday

0130 — Seed of Chucky
0900 — The Incredibles
1300 — Hide and Seek
1530 — Ray
1930 — Because of Winn-Dixie
2230 — Elektra

Tuesday

0130 — Ladder 49

0900 — Fat Albert
1300 — Taxi
1930 — Ray
2230 — Coach Carter

Wednesday

0130 — Taxi
0900 — Elektra
1300 — Coach Carter
1530 — Fat Albert
1930 — Ladder 49
2230 — The Incredibles

Thursday

0130 — Hide and Seek
0900 — Seed of Chucky

1300 — Ladder 49
1930 — Coach Carter
2230 — Fat Albert

Friday

0130 — Because of Winn-Dixie
1300 — Seed of Chucky
1530 — Elektra
1930 — Hide and Seek
2230 — Ray

Saturday

0130 — Steve Harvey
2230 — Blue Collar Comedy Tour: The Movie

CHAPEL *schedule*

All services and practices are in the chapel, unless noted otherwise. Chapel office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call the chapel at 437-8811 or 437-7576 for Jewish worship times. MPR: Multi-purpose Room; CFR: Conference Room

Catholic Services

Weekdays

1130 and 1800 — Daily Mass

Friday

1230 — Ecumenical Devotion
1900 — Stations of the Cross

Saturday

1830 — Confession (or upon request)
1900 — Mass

Sunday

0800 and 1800 — Mass
1030 — Mass (CAOC, 2nd Floor CFR)

Protestant Services

Wednesday

1700 — Mid-week Worship Service

Saturday

1100 — Seventh-Day Adventist

Sunday

0930 — Contemporary
0930 — General Protestant (CAOC, 2nd Floor CFR)
1300 — Latter-Day Saints
1600 — General Protestant
1600 — RED HORSE Inspirational (Bldg. 4007)
1930 — Inspirational Worship

Other Services

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday

0430, 1200 and 1900 — Islamic Prayer (MPR)

Monday

0430, 1130 and 1900 — Islamic Prayer (MPR)

Wednesday

0430, 1200 and 2000 — Islamic Prayer (MPR)

Friday

0430, 1200, 1300 and 1900 — Islamic Prayer (MPR)

Sunday

0900 — Christian Orthodox (MPR)
1100 — Church of Christ (MPR)
1300 and 1900 — Islamic Prayer (MPR)

Choir and Musician Practices

Monday

1400 — Contemporary Worship

Tuesday

1600 — Contemporary Worship
1900 — Inspirational Praise Team

Wednesday

2000 — Contemporary Worship

Thursday

2000 — Catholic Choir
1830 and 2130 — Inspirational Musician

Friday

1730 — Contemporary Choir
2000 — Inspirational Praise Team

Saturday

0900 — Contemporary Worship
2000 — Contemporary Choir

Bible Study

Monday

1230 — Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (MPR)
1830 — RCIA (CFR)
1900 — Catholic Adult Education (CFR)
2000 — Desert Disciples

Tuesday

1700 — Wild at Heart (CFR)
1900 — Inductive Bible Study (CFR)
1930 — Biblical on Leadership (to be announced)

Wednesday

1200 — Living the Purpose-Driven Life (Bldg. 4007)
1800 — Bible Study (MPR)
1900 — Men's Study (MPR)
1930 — Ephesians Study (CAOC CFR)

Thursday

1730 — Galatians Study (CAOC CFR)

Saturday

2000 — Keepers of Prayer (MPR)

Sunday

0800 — Contemporary Prayer Group (MPR)
1400 — LDS Sunday School (MPR)

Other Programs

Tuesday

1100 — Officer's Christian Fellowship (CFR)

Wednesday

1900 — LDS Activity Night (CFR)
2000 — Alcoholics Anonymous (CFR)

Thursday

2000 — Warriors of the Word (CFR)

Friday

1200 — RCIA (CFR)
1900 — "That the World May Know" (CFR)
2000 — Men of Integrity (CFR)
2000 — Women of Virtue

Sunday

2000 — Alcoholics Anonymous (MPR)

MENU

Today

Lunch: Pork Loin Roast, Baked Fish, Oven-browned Potatoes, Steamed Rice, Steamed Green Beans, Louisiana-style Squash, Brown Gravy, Cream of Potato Soup **Dinner:** Chili Mac, Herb-baked Chicken, Spanish Rice, Mashed Potatoes, Mexican Corn, Cauliflower, Brown Gravy, Cream of Potato Soup **Snackline:** Grilled Polish Sausage, Chicken Strips, Burritos, Potato Wedges, Chicken Breast **Salad Bar:** Macaroni Salad

Monday

Lunch: Curry Chicken Breast, Veal Parmesan, Filipino Rice, Parsley Butter Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Steamed Spinach, Mushroom Gravy, Double Good Chicken Soup **Dinner:** Turkey a la King, Meatloaf, Steamed Rice, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Steamed Carrots, Mushroom Gravy, Double Good Chicken Soup **Snackline:** Corn Dogs, Sloppy Joes, Burritos, Chicken Breast, Fries **Salad Bar:** Fruit Salad

Tuesday

Lunch: Fried Catfish, BBQ Spare Ribs, Mashed Potatoes, Macaroni and Cheese, Collard Greens, Black-eyed Peas, Brown Gravy, Vegetable Soup **Dinner:** Jaegerschnitzel, Simmered Knockwurst, Hot Potato Salad, Noodles Jefferson, Broccoli, Harvard Beets, Brown Gravy, Vegetable Soup **Snackline:** Pizza, Burritos, Chicken Breast, Onion Rings **Salad Bar:** Italian Pasta

Wednesday

Lunch: Pork Chops with Mushroom Gravy, Herb-baked Chicken, Orange Rice, Potato Halves, Calico Corn, Green Beans with Mushrooms, Chicken Gravy, Bean with Bacon Soup **Dinner:** Grilled Steak, Fried Shrimp, Pasta Primavera, Baked Potatoes, Carrots, Corn on the Cob, Brown Gravy, Bean with Bacon Soup **Snackline:** Nachos, Chicken Patties, Burritos, Chicken Breast, Potato Wedges **Salad Bar:** Three-bean Salad

Thursday

Lunch: Swiss Steak with Tomato Sauce, Turkey Pot Pie, Paprika Buttered Potatoes, Steamed Rice, Wax Beans, Peas and Carrots, Vegetable Gravy, Beef Noodle Soup **Dinner:** Italian Hot Sausages, Meat Sauce, Spaghetti, Buttered Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Cauliflower, Vegetable Gravy, Beef Noodle Soup **Snackline:** Fried Chicken, Meatball Subs, Burritos, Chicken Breast, Fries **Salad Bar:** Cucumber and Onion Salad

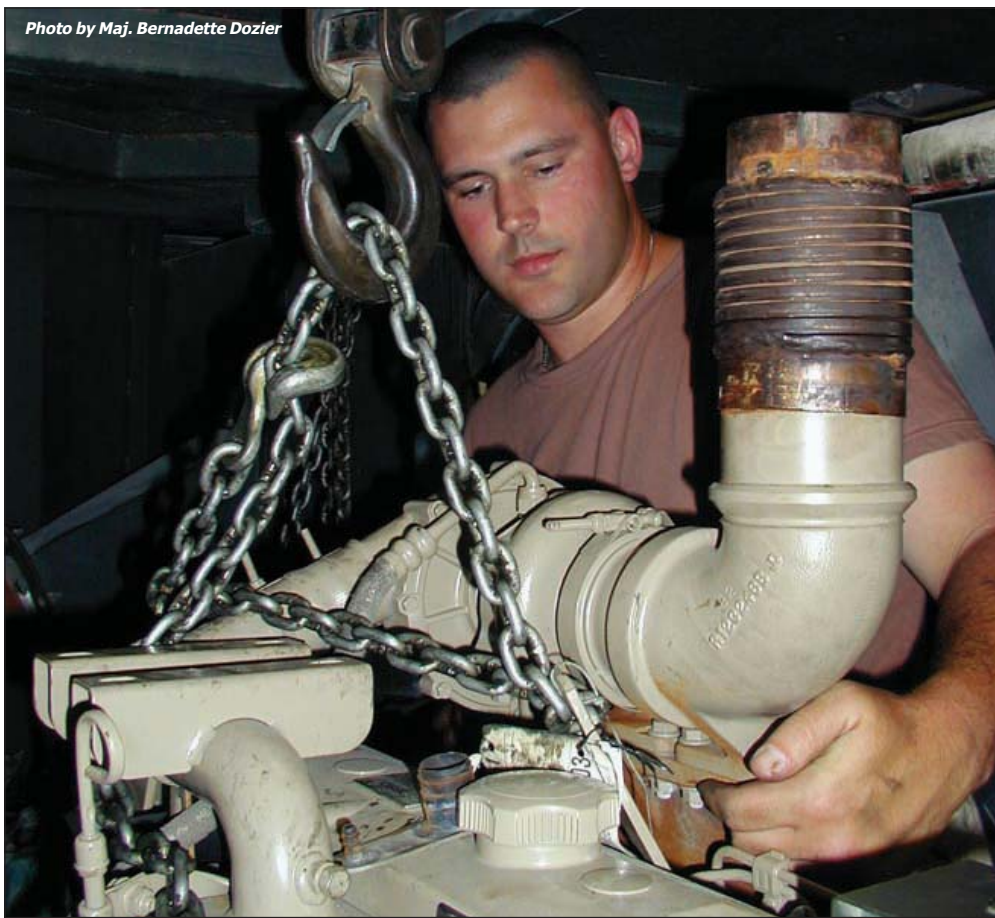
Friday

Lunch: Spicy Baked Fish, Caribbean Jerk Chicken, Swedish Meatballs, Wild Rice, Scalloped Potatoes, Cauliflower, Mexican Corn, Brown Gravy, Split Pea with Ham Soup **Dinner:** Spicy Baked Fish, Chipper Fish, El Rancho Stew, Rissole Potatoes, Rice Pilaf, Succotash, Spinach, Brown Gravy, Split Pea with Ham Soup **Snackline:** Calzones, Buffalo Wings, Burritos, Chicken Breast, Onion Rings **Salad Bar:** Potato Salad

Saturday

Lunch: Tuna and Noodles, Sauerbraten, Au Gratin Potatoes, Steamed Rice, Peas, Bean Combo, Brown Gravy, Minestrone Soup **Dinner:** Stir Fry Chicken, Salisbury Steak with Mushroom Gravy, Orange Rice, Mashed Potatoes, Lima Beans, Corn O' Brien, Brown Gravy, Minestrone Soup **Snackline:** Pizza, Egg Rolls, Burritos, Chicken Breast, Potato Wedges

Photo by Maj. Bernadette Dozier



CHILLIN' — Senior Airman Zachary Williams, 379th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron aircraft ground equipment journeyman deployed from Robins Air Force Base, Ga., changes an MA-3D air conditioner engine March 9. These units are used to cool C-130 and KC-135 aircraft when temperatures rise.

Photo by Senior Master Sgt. John Snow



OUTBOUND — Senior Airman Alex Engram, 379th Expeditionary Communications Squadron post office journeyman deployed from Yokota Air Base, Japan, works the finance counter at the post office March 4. When a customer brings in a box, Airman Engram inspects the contents, weighs and completes the customs form.